

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held March 20, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

"In 1988, Los Angeles County became the first County in the State to fund local dispute resolution programs under the California Dispute Resolution Programs Act. These programs have become a valuable service to the public and the courts by providing an alternative means for settling disputes outside of the traditional judge and jury system.

"Last year, the nine nonprofit organizations and five public entities assisted more than 40,448 residents, businesses, and organizations in resolving 7,508 disputes. I encourage all County Departments, residents, municipalities, businesses, and organizations to utilize these mediation services as an alternative to formal court proceedings and as a peaceful method to resolving disputes."

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried (Supervisor Antonovich being absent), the Board took the following actions:

- 1. Declared March 18 through 24, 2007 as "Mediation Week" throughout Los Angeles County;
- Commended the nonprofit organizations and public entity dispute resolution program service providers, volunteers and staff for their part and participation in the program; and
- Encouraged County Departments to utilize the process of mediation and other dispute resolution services to resolve department and public disputes.

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